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Honorable Judge Kollar-Kotelly, <?xml:namespace prefix = o ns =
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Hello, my name is Robert D. Smith and I am a student at Boston University. I am very much emotionally shaken by the recent settlement between the Justice Department and Microsoft (PFJ).

I'd like to present my first argument. The PFJ does nothing to inhibit the activities of Microsoft as a working, fully functional monopoly through the use of its operating system (OS). My second argument is that the settlement is too ambiguous. It does not clearly and directly reprimand Microsoft for the violation of clearly defined anti-trust laws (present and past). It would be a horrid, useless example to set by allowing MS to get away with such an atrocity. Microsoft has many tactics, which are just so very sinister. The corporation is continually escaping proper justice its retaliation schemes, conniving tactics, bolting-domineering schemes, and attacks on Java. All these actions result in a lower ability of competition to reach the same marketing and commercial status as MS. This market is supposedly a "free" market but software standards are being monopolized even as this email is being sent. And to conclude, the PFJ provides an ineffective enforcement mechanism (balance and check) for the weak restrictions implemented on its bodies of influence.

Simply in short, I am deeply perturbed over the recent settlement. This settlement does not regulate Microsoft enough. In this very fashion of advancement, Microsoft will simply continue its monopolistic ways of commerce. And to further clarify my argument, Microsoft is not even being reprimanded for past aggressions, which are clearly evident. The present situation is that an unfeasibly weak standard is in place. I know this simply my opinion, but I would sincerely request that you would do whatever might be suitable to overturn the settlement in review.

Sincerely,

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